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THE PEACE CONFERENCES.

RESULT OF TWO DAYS SESSION.

Celebration of Washington's Birthday in Paris.

MINISTER TO MR. BUCHANAN IN LONDON.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

Washington's Birthday Ball in Paris—Celebration of Machine—American Beauties and Statesmen, Nonentities—Splendid Festivities—Distinguished Responses, &c., &c.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

PARIS, Monday, Feb. 25, 1856.

THE GREAT WASHINGTON BALL IN PARIS.

Last year the celebration in honor of WASHINGTON'S Birth Day, was undertaken by the Committee of Management, with many misgivings as to the result. Many citizens in the same way had not [illegible] They did not know positively in what way the [illegible] would view the enterprise, for they would lend it their patronage, or whether their countrymen would give it the support of their presence. It was an experiment on untried ground; there was really no precedent, since no other instance is on the habit of celebrating in Paris in any other than a private manner, any of its national anniversaries. But the name of WASHINGTON, and the reputation of the people who were to be the hosts on the occasion, afforded, to a certain extent, a guarantee of its success. Further, it was managed by a Committee of gentlemen who had been, for the most part, long residents of Paris, whose names were known, and who knew from experience how to surmount many of the difficulties they would have to encounter. It was a self-constituted Committee, but it was constituted upon the understanding that each member should consider his purse pledged for any deficiencies that might exist at the end of the ball. The fête was a success; so complete that even the most sanguine were astonished. It was a success of the season.

The anniversary of this year was organized in the same way as that of last year. Many of the same gentlemen served on its Committee of Management, but it eclipsed, in every particular, its predecessor. The success of the first reflected its influence on the second, and increased its attractiveness. The annual Washington Ball has become one of the festivals of the country. If it was not repeated next year, Paris society would be disappointed; there would be a want unsatisfied. I will endeavor to tell you what this ball was, and why it has gained [illegible]

In the first place, Frenchmen are glad to find a [illegible] on which all factions can meet. The name of WASHINGTON disarms political [illegible] Bonapartists, Legitimists and Republicans alike respond with pleasure to a call which is to be dance to this great name. Besides, [illegible] a certain degree of romance around [illegible] which excites the curiosity of the Frenchmen. The Americans are known to be princely in their liberality, never do things by halves, and women have a fond reputation for beauty. But above all, there is a curiosity to see a people whose whole history is a wonder to old Europe, whose progress and accomplishments are incomprehensible. Thus it was that out of the three hundred and fifty of the most distinguished men of France invited—statesmen, writers, warriors and diplomatists—scarcely a dozen failed to attend.

The new Hotel de Louvre was selected this year for the anniversary, and a better selection could not have been made. The immense dining saloon and [illegible] with their deeply-panelled gilt and frescoed walls and ceilings, their ample buffets and admirable [illegible] for circulation, fulfilled completely the [illegible] of such an occasion. The elaborate [illegible] of the rooms did not permit much decoration; but the few flowers that were employed for this purpose were of the choicest kind. At the bottom of the grand hall, opposite the entrance, was placed the portrait of WASHINGTON, surrounded by the [illegible] of the Stars and Stripes. Above, and immediately under the portrait was again placed the unfortunate sentiment of last year: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his fellow-countrymen!!" On WASHINGTON's right was the portrait of LAFAYETTE; on the left that of FRANKLIN. At the other extremity of the room and over the door of entrance, exactly facing WASHINGTON, was suspended HEALY's fine picture of Gen. PIERCE, (an original,) and on each side were copies of WINTERHALTER's pictures of the Emperor and Empress of France. The flags of America and France surrounded Gen. PIERCE's picture, and the Committee did not venture upon a motto. When the company was all assembled the scene was remarkable. The freshly-finished walls and ceilings, the brightness of the rooms and the richness of the toilettes, made the general effect brilliant and dazzling.

The following are the names of the Committee of Management:

The American Minister; Mr. O. J. Wise, Va., Secretary of Legation; Mr. J. B. Wilbor, N. Y., Private Secretary American Minister; Hon. Duncan McRae, N. C., United States Consul at Paris; Maurice P. P. Cerbin, Va., Chairman of Committee; Mr. Hutton, Paris, Banker; R. H. Hutton, N. Y.; G. F. Bentzon, N. Y.; W. R. Caldwell, Cincinnati; Charles Stewart, N. O.; A. Lonkski, Jr., Paris; G. T. Rhoades, Paris; John A. Peace, N. J.; John Ridgway, Philadelphia; N. Berry, Paris; A. G. Vanzandt, N. Y.; Charles C. Greene, Paris; Alfred Montgomery, N. Y.; E. V. Childs, Jr., Boston; A. Bernay, Paris.

The ticket of invitation read as follows: "The Minister of the United States and the Committee, beg leave to do them the honor of attending a Ball, given by their countrymen, Friday, Feb. 22, in commemoration of the anniversary of WASHINGTON's Birthday," &c.

The number in attendance was about eight hundred. Of these there were only 321 subscribers—202 American gentlemen, and 119 American ladies. The number of invited guests were 367. The balance of the company was made up from tickets bought by subscribers and presented to friends, not Americans. (The number of Americans this year in Paris is much less than last year, and does not reach five hundred, all told.)

Among the members of the Peace Conference present were the following:

Lord Clarendon, England; Lord Cowley, England; Count Buol, Austria; Baron de Hubner, Austria; Count de Cavour, Sardinia; Marquis Pès de Villamarina, Sardinia.

Neither of the Russian, French, or Turkish members of the Conference were present. Count ORLOFF, for the Russian Plenipotentiaries, wrote a lengthy note of excuse, full of kind feeling, in which he stated that as the Court of Russia was still in mourning they were not allowed to accept invitations to [illegible] festivities which their position as [illegible] required. The French and [illegible] accepted the invitations, but [illegible] the last moment by the labor [illegible] approaching Conference. A large [illegible] of the personnel of the Special Embassies [illegible] Ladies CLARENDON and COWLEY [illegible] their husbands.

[illegible] MALMESBURY and Baron MANTEUFFEL, who [illegible] Friends if she is admitted to the Conference, were present. The Countess of HATZFELDT accompanied her husband.

The other Ministries were nearly all represented by their principal members. M. LIEFDEVEVEZE, Minister of Holland; Col. SAMMAN, Charge of Switzerland; M. DE LEACEY, Charge of Costa Rica; Count DE PRADO, Secretary of Austrian Legation, and his beautiful daughter; Baron D'ANTHOUPE, Austrian Legation; Count DE MOCZER, Minister of Denmark; M. FRESAS ROCHA, Minister of Belgium; PRINCE [illegible], Charge of Greece; ALI EFFENDI represented Turkish Legation; Baron DE BOURQUENEY, Minister of Baden; Count BRESSON, French Minister at Washington; Baron DE WERNLAND, Minister of Bavaria; Baron SCHMACH, Minister of Saxony; Baron DE STEINHEIM, Charge of Hanover; Baron DE WAGNER, Minister of Wurtemburg; Count EURTEN, Minister of the Free Cities of Germany; Count DE PIPER, Secretary of Legation for Sweden and Norway; M. O'PRIEN, Mexican Consul-General; Chevalier MARCOY LATRAN, Minister of Brazil; M. VIDOR SEGRAN, Minister of Honduras and San Salvador; M. MARCO PARADOY, Consul-General of Peru and Chili; Gen. MARTIN, Minister of Guatemala; M. PRIMO MON-[illegible]

[illegible] Chargé of Ecuador; Admiral ROCALANE, Minister of Chili; M. de GRAMAGE, Minister of Spain; M. CARRERAS DE LA BARRA, former Spanish Minister to the United States.

Of the LAFAYETTE Family: Count RENSSAT, Viscounts PAUL DE RENSSAT and PIERRE DE RENSSAT, M. RENSSAT LAFAYETTE and the Countess RENSSAT.

Of the DE GRAMMS and BEAUMARSEAU families: Count DE GRAMMS, Count CHARTRENGNE, Admiral Count D'ESTAINGNE.

Officers of the Tuileries: M. FOULD, Minister of State, and of the House of the Emperor; Duke DE BASSANO, Grand Chamberlain to his Majesty, Duke DE CARRACHENE, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Baron DE CHATAUNOUFRE, Master of Ceremonies, Marquis DE TOULOUSECOZ, Aide-de-Camp of his Majesty, etc. etc.

The Financial World was represented by Baron JAMES DE ROTHSCHILD, now the head of this great house, M. ERNEST PEREIRE, the brothers FOULD, M. HOTTINGUER, and others.

The Army by Generals CANROBERT, BOSQUET, NIEL, Sp. JEAN D'ARMEILLE, FOREY, and others of the French Army, Gen. HERRERA, of Mexico; Gen. SAN MARTIN, Buenos Ayres; Prince HENRY XIII., Reuss, of Prussia; Captain BENHAM, United States Topographical Engineers; JEROME NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, (Baltimore) Lieut. Seventh Dragoons, etc., etc.

The Navy by Admiral Sir EDMUND LYONS, Admiral Sir FLEETWOOD PARLOW, Admiral CHEVAL, Count WACHTMEISTER, Lieutenant of Swedish Marines, Mr. Commodore BOUVARDES and others.

Among the long list of distinguished gentlemen, whose names have not yet been mentioned, I will only enumerate a few who are more generally known to the public: Baron Ch. Dupin, Michel-Chevalier, Count De Morny, Hon. W. Spring Rice, Hon. Spencer Ponsonby, Villiers Lister, (Conference,) Hon. Julian Fane, (Conference,) Charles Delthus, Viscount Olivier Walsh, Count De Hon, L. Visconti, Count Loewenthal, Count De Rochebrune, Marquis De Latour Marbourg, Prince Poniatowski file, Marquis Castiglione, Hon. H. C. Vivian, Count Roger De Rieucourt, Count Murat De Lestang, Ferdinand De Lesteyrie, Marquis De La Ribera, Count De Gréhan, Baron Boyer, etc., etc.

Among the ladies, Baroness Ch. Dupin, Madame Lightenfelt, Baroness de Seebach, Baroness de Wendland, Countess de Lowenthal, Madame Firman Rogier, Madame Featherstenhaugh, Madame Amédée Thayet, Duchess Dolores de Urquiza, Mademoiselle the Marchioness Louisa d'Elpas, Mademoiselle the Countess Amelia d'Elpas, Countess Stefenbach and daughter, Madame Gen. Herrera, Madame Mildmay and daughter, Countess Leiningen, Princess Radali, Countess d'Aumont, Marchioness de Lisboa and daughter, Countess Le Hon and daughter, Miss Crampton, niece of Minister, Miss Mesmane, Lady Clay and two daughters, Miss Addison, Madame Junot, Madame Orilla, Marchioness de la Ribera, Countess de Sayre and daughter, Countess Tuchini, Madame de Beauregard, Madame and Mademoiselle del Valle, Countess de Grétry, Marchioness de Latour Marbourg, Lady Augusta Bruce, the young and beautiful Baroness Boyer, &c.

Of the American ladies most remarked for their beauty or the elegance of their toilettes were, Mrs. Mason and four young daughters, Mrs. McRae, Mrs. Lesieur and Miss Josephine Lesieur, Mrs. Ridgway and daughter, Mrs. Corbin and daughters, Mrs. Hutton and daughters, Miss Dermport, Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Jones and daughters, Mrs. Langdon and daughter, Miss Richardson, Mrs. George, Baltimore, Mrs. Pille, Mrs. Livingston and daughter, Mrs. Brooks, Boston, Miss Barton, Boston, the Countess Caumont, the Baroness de Waechter, (Miss Lee,) the Countess Bertiges, Madame Bel Carce, daughter of General San Martin, of Buenos Ayres, Miss O'Brien, daughter of the Mexican Consul General.

Miss SIGRAN, the celebrated English beauty, was present, and as usual attracted great attention. Her time seemed about equally divided between a young American, whose name appears in the list of the Committee of Management, Baron SEBRACH, and her future husband, the Secretary of the English Embassy.

Mr. DICKENS, a friend informs me, would have been pleased to have received an invitation, but the Committee did not see fit to invite him. The "Boy Ball" and "American Notes" are not yet forgotten.

Messrs. LAMARTINE, GUIZOT, and DE TOCQUEVILLE pleaded their feeble health, and the necessity they felt under of denying themselves all such pleasures, as an excuse for declining the Committee's invitation.

The Emperor, there is reason to believe, would have attended, had it not been for the bereavement of the moment.

Count DE MORNY, half-brother of the Emperor, President of the Corps Legislative, and after PERSIGNY the greatest railroad speculator in France, came in early, and paid much attention during the course of the evening to one of the Misses HYERON, of New-York. It was this circumstance no doubt, that gave rise to the story published in the London *Globe* of Monday, that the Count was about to marry this young lady. The two *sisters* are very young, and besides having an ample fortune, are very handsome. The Count will never do better.

But the lion of the evening was General BOSQUET. Not even the members of the Peace Conference attracted as much attention as he. He is the man whom one would choose out of a thousand to take the *Malakoff*. He has an iron frame and an iron will; every movement, every lineament, proves it. He is taller than CANROBERT, and stronger and more powerfully built. The General remained four hours, almost constantly promenading with his mother on his arm, and was evidently highly pleased. Notwithstanding his new Senatorial honors, his friends insist that he remains a Republican.

Gen. CANROBERT also remained late. He is a short, strong and well-built man, but his face indicates nothing so prominently as *bonhomie*. He promenaded constantly with a lady and her daughter, whose names I did not learn. He appeared delighted with the cordiality of his reception, for he was recognized by some one at almost every step.

After Lord COWLEY had entered and had reached as far as the entrance from the *foyer* to the grand saloon, he was seen suddenly to drop the arm of Lady COWLEY and rush back to the door. In a state of great excitement he asked the man who received the cards to allow him to look over those which had just been handed in. It appeared that in handing his card of invitation, he had included a highly important dispatch he had just received from his Government, and which was in the same packet with the card. The last dispatch was soon found, greatly to his Lordship's relief.

Lord and Lady COWLEY and Lord and Lady CLARENDON remained quite late and seemed disposed, as well as the large number of distinguished English people present, to prove that they at least did not wish other than good feeling to reign between the people of the two countries. I thought they seemed as proud of the brilliancy of the ball and of the distinguished assemblage it had collected, as the Americans themselves.

The anxiety to get to the Ball was intense among English and French people. Thousands of tickets might have been sold, but the Committee were determined not to depart from the rule, to sell only to Americans. I heard of one ticket merchant, however, who had got hold of three tickets by some means, and who held them at 300 francs. A Pole bought them at 100, and took two English ladies to the ball. The greatest anxiety appeared to reign in the hotel itself, and one gentleman and lady (English) attempted to get in with false tickets. They were stopped and handed over to the police.

The principal feature of this ball was that, although in some sense it might be called a public ball, it yet had the air of a private party. It was more select, even, than the balls of the Tuileries, and there was an air of quiet elegance, and good breeding, about it that one does not often see. And yet there was not half the coldness that would have been found in an exclusively French or English company.

The Committee of Arrangements certainly deserve great credit for the complete success which they achieved. Every one seemed disposed to give them a full meed of praise, and I should not omit to mention a curious fact, which was observed by many, that the Committee, although composed of twenty men, were all strikingly handsome men. They could not boast one ugly man. I should not like to particularize, but when we have such as *exemplars* as that which received the company in the *foyer*, composed of Messrs. MASON, MCRAE, CORBIN, and MCRAE, there is no danger but that the visitors will enter with a good opinion of the rest.

The *buffets* and the supper did honor alike to the Committee and to the Hotel. STRAUSS led the orchestra, which was composed of forty musicians.

MALAKOFF.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Opening of the Conferences.

The first sitting of the Congress, as already announced, took place on Monday, the 25th of February, at the hotel of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, at 1 P. M. The Powers represented, and the Ministers representing them, are as follows:

THE ALLIED POWERS.

1. France—Represented by Count WALEWSKI, Minister of Foreign Affairs (who is to be the President of the Conference) and Baron BOURQUENEY, the French Ambassador at Vienna.

2. England—Represented by the Earl of CLARENDON, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Lord COWLEY, the English Ambassador at Paris.

3. Turkey—Represented by AALI PACHA, the Grand Vizier, and MEHEMET DJEMIL BEY, the Turkish Ambassador at Vienna.

4. Sardinia—Represented by Count CAVOUR, the Prime Minister.

THE NEGATIVE POWERS.

5. Austria—Represented by Count BUOL-SCHAUENSTEIN, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Baron DE HUBNER, Austrian Ambassador at Paris.

THE NEUTRAL POWERS.

6. Prussia—Represented by Count ORLOFF, Member of the Council of the Empire, Aide-de-Camp of the Emperor, and Baron BRUNOW, Russian Ambassador to the German Confederation.

DIPLOMATIC PREPARATIONS.

Paris (Feb. 25) Correspondence of the London Times.

The Russians were at their work early this morning. Baron BRUNOW was stirring betimes, and M. DE BEBRACH was seen to issue from his house some time after 8 o'clock, and accompany his friend to the residence of the chief Plenipotentiary, Count ORLOFF. The three were for hours closeted together, and no doubt "got up" their lesson well before starting for the rendezvous. The spirits of people in general seem to be elated, and confidence in the pacific result of the conferences is gaining strength, on what particular ground I cannot find out, except that at the Tuileries last night the Emperor was very gracious. He chatted in an animated manner with his guests, smiled graciously of Count BUOL and Baron BRUNOW, and the starner ORLOFF was heard to declare that nothing could be more satisfactory than the Emperor's reception of him, and His Majesty is said to have looked the very picture of *peace*. If you can believe what you hear in public, almost every difficulty is already removed, the task left to the diplomatists is of the lightest possible kind, and the wonder is how they will manage to occupy even the first week of their meeting.

This is the very exuberance of optimism. I do not mean to say that peace will not be the result of the conferences, *but I should hesitate before pronouncing it as certain.* There are, so far as I can understand, serious matters yet to be discussed, but which will be successfully got over if France, England, and Austria remain firm and united to the last moment. If they do so Russia has no alternative but to yield, for the simple reason that she cannot help herself. She is desirous of peace because she is anxious to attend to her internal concerns, to the improvement of her means of communication from the centre to the extremities of her empire, that if she be engaged hereafter in such a war as the present her armies may not perish on their way to encounter their enemy.

I will not trouble you with the various rumors that have been flying about during the day, as none of them rest on any authenticated fact. I persist in what I have already said with respect to the issue of the conferences—that no safe opinion can be formed *till after the lapse of eight or ten days.* I may say, *however*, that probably not much time will elapse before the preliminaries are signed, and probably an armistice will be proclaimed immediately.

The First Sitting.

Paris (Feb. 26) Correspondence of the London Times.

I sent by telegraph last night a short message, of which I trust no accident or design has retarded the arrival, announcing the important fact of the signing of the armistice, and which my previous letters will have led you to expect. The *Moniteur* of this morning confirms the fact in the following words:

THE ARMISTICE.

The first meeting of the Congress took place this day, at the Hotel of the Minister for Foreign Affairs at 1 o'clock. The sitting lasted till 4¼ o'clock. It was agreed that an armistice, which will of itself expire on the 31st of March next, shall be concluded between the belligerent armies. This armistice shall be without effect on the blockades established or to be established.

The additional official information in the preceding, of hardly less interest, you have, I trust, also received by this. The *Moniteur* will, no doubt, be as sparing as possible in the communications it makes to the public of the progress of the Conferences, but I learn that besides the above the Austrian propositions were pamphlet by the Plenipotentiaries as preliminaries of peace, establishing their identity.

Count WALEWSKI, as President, opened the proceedings with a brief speech, explanatory of the important business before the Congress, and no doubt containing the usual good wishes for success. The sitting lasted but three hours and a half, and, as we presume that a sincere desire for peace animates all parties, it is probable that all unnecessary and tedious etiquette was dispensed with on the occasion. That space of time was not too much for the exchange of the credentials of the Plenipotentiaries, the opening address of the President, the reading and affixing the *ne varietur* to the preliminaries of peace, and the discussion as to the armistice. It appears, moreover, that a delaration in writing was signed by the Plenipotentiaries not to reveal directly or indirectly what passes at the conferences until the whole shall be concluded.

This last is the only point to which a journalist may object, but there is no help for it, and any protest he might make would very probably be considered as non avenu. With this exception, all the rest appears satisfactory, and you will appreciate the importance of the armistice expiring on the *31st of* March next, when the operations may be resumed without the necessity of any new order being given, and also its being limited in its effects to operations by land. I communicated yesterday the fact of the Russians continuing to fortify themselves in the Gulf of Finland. This fact has been confirmed to me in another quarter since *I dispatched my intelligence*; and, though the enemy only imitate us in continuing the construction of their defences, yet it shows that they are not yet so completely exhausted as is supposed in one direction at least.

THE ORDER IN WHICH THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES WERE SEATED.

The Plenipotentiaries have taken their places at the Congress table in alphabetical order, as was at first stated. The usual rule admits, it appears, of two forms of proceeding,—one alphabetically, as relates to the countries represented, the other according to the order the Plenipotentiaries are officially presented to the Sovereign. I mentioned on Sunday week last, that though Baron BRUNOW had arrived in Paris first, yet that Lord CLARENDON was presented at the Tuileries before him; and I have reason to know that this precedence was not the result of chance but of design. Before the presentation took place I was informed that such would be the case, and that it was in order to show that France and England remained, as before, the most prominent and most united in their alliance.

The *Journal des Débats* states that the latter form was followed yesterday; that the places to the right of the President of the Congress were occupied—first by Lord CLARENDON, then by Count BUOL, then by Count CAVOUR, and then by Count ORLOFF and AALI PASHA; that in the same order on the left were Lord COWLEY, Baron HUBNER, the Marquis de VILLAMARINA, Baron BRUNOW, and the resident Turkish Ambassador, MEHEMET BEY. This is not correct. The places follow each other in alphabetical order, thus—Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, Sardinia and Turkey. It was rumored this morning—and the rumor may be repeated—that nothing like serious discussion took place at this first sitting, everything having been previously known and probably agreed on, and that conversation rather than discussion took place. I am informed that the contrary is the fact, that the various points which were to be brought before the Plenipotentiaries at the first meeting were in reality seriously discussed, and that it was only after such discussion that the armistice was signed.

WILLINGNESS OF RUSSIA TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

I mentioned in a previous letter that the armistice would follow without delay the signing of the preliminaries. Indeed, I am informed that in the certainty of no difference arising on this point the order for a suspension of hostilities was sent to the Crimea a day or two before the opening of the conferences. As yet everything looks well, though I have no doubt that some difficult matters will have to be discussed. By the Russians themselves it is affirmed that the Czar is disposed to make any concessions demanded of him, short of what is "too humiliating." A good deal depends, of course, on what they consider to be "too humiliating." On Russian authority, too, it is stated that Austria will hardly support any proposition the object of which is the demolition of the arsenals of NICHOLAIEFF, or the closing up of the Bug, because such a measure would completely annihilate Russian trade in those parts. I cannot vouch for the correctness of this statement. The Congress did not meet to-day.

NO SESSION ON THE SECOND DAY.

Paris (Feb. 27) Correspondence of the London Times.

The second sitting of the Congress, which was believed to be fixed for to-day, has not taken place. This fact has given rise to a variety of rumors, which I believe to be unfounded, because of the strict obligation of silence in all that relates to the proceedings of the Congress imposed on its members. A week at least before the conferences opened I mentioned that the sittings would not follow each other consecutively day after day; and, that two, three, and perhaps more days, might very probably intervene between two sittings. Neither are these sittings fixed beforehand for particular days in each week. They depend a good deal on the progress of the negotiations, and are determined by the Plenipotentiaries themselves.

The *Constitutionnel* is therefore mistaken in saying that the Congress would invariably meet three times a week. The members do not know till the close of each sitting the particular day or hour at which the next will be held. With respect to the issue of the negotiations I can add nothing to what I have already said. The public is full of expectation that peace must come of them, and there are few who venture to affirm the contrary. Many chances swim its favor, of that there is no doubt; but until six or eight days of conference pass over it would be hazardous to affirm anything positively.

The Second Sitting.

Paris (Feb. 26) Correspondence of the London Times.

The Congress met for the second time at 1 o'clock to-day. We shall have to narrow many versions of what occurred, with a number of minute details, which, however dedicate in truth, will, I doubt not, do much honor to the inventive faculties of the gentlemen whose pursuits are directed to one particular kind of bird—the *canard*. Remembering the strict obligation the members have adopted about not revealing to any one the points that are discussed, or the decision that has been come to on them, I hardly venture to repeat half of what is said. It was nevertheless stated last night that the next discussion, that is, the one of this day, would be of a really serious character, inasmuch as it would turn on the fifth point.

One or two persons not likely to give easy credence to any of the rumors that are incessantly flying about, affirmed that on this point an important difference of opinion was anticipated. The first day's deliberation was for the most part one of formalities. Count ORLOFF is said to have made some observations on the armistice, with reference particularly to the transport of soldiers and military stores, and also on the territorial limitation in Bessarabia, in which he pretended to show that those who drew up that condition were unacquainted with the geography of the country. He did not dispute the principle, it is said, but merely referred to details. I must not omit to mention that in most of what is reported there is evidently a desire, on the part of interested persons, to show that when any dissension or delay occurs, it is to be attributed to the English Government.

But whether the subject of this day's deliberation be the territorial limitation or the fifth point—Bomarsund or Kars—it was stated confidently last night that the English, French and Sardinian Plenipotentiaries would really enter into the subject, and make certain demands which it was expected would not be granted by Russia. A long and earnest discussion was looked for, and it was at the same time doubted whether the sitting would close so satisfactorily as that of Monday. It may be that Count ORLOFF and Baron BRUNOW would ask to refer to St. Petersburg (by telegraph, I presume,) before acceding to these demands, or that the points on which the discussion was anticipated, would, by common consent, be dropped, but to be resumed at an early sitting. It was further said that Count ORLOFF felt disquieted at the idea that some things would be pressed of a peculiarly unpleasant nature, and to which he could not accede. You will easily understand how difficult it is to distinguish truth from fiction on this subject. I merely repeat that the note I allude to proceed from a person in a position to have very fair information.

Nothing is more likely than that Russia will demand some compensation for Kars, but what that particular compensation is I cannot say. In allusion to the subject of this day's conference, and to the demands that would be boldly placed before the Congress, my informant did not make mention of Austria, but only spoke of France, England and Sardinia. One is unwilling to suppose that Austria is shewing any backwardness on this occasion, but it is certain that M. BUOL is spoken of in some circles as not quite acting up to the hopes entertained of him. That the Russian Plenipotentiaries will do their utmost to weaken the alliance, or even to make it appear as if it were weakened, is certain. They must have long since given up any hope of the kind as regards France and England, but perhaps they have not done so as regards Austria.

It is admitted that nothing can well be more loyal and straightforward throughout than the conduct of the Emperor NAPOLEON, and with France and England linked to the last, we need fear nothing. In the meantime every Russian, from the Plenipotentiary to the Popes who harass the Russian chapel in Paris, declares the earnest desire of the Czar to make peace almost on any conditions. We know that Russia is not in a condition to carry on the war. She wants rest, though she may have money, and all she can now trust to is the chapter of accidents or the possibility of a division in the Congress. I still think peace is probable, though I do not venture as yet to affirm that it is certain, but I am pretty certain that the present negotiations will not flow so smoothly as optimists imagine.

The *Patrie* of last night has the following paragraph:

"A letter from London mentions that there circulates in the halls of that city a report of a duel between two which occurred at Paris between Lord CLARENDON and Lord COWLEY, and which some ill-informed journals have transformed into a conflict. It refers to a question of [illegible] to which the other members of the Congress are strangers, and which arose between the two Plenipotentiaries, and which for a moment excited the susceptibility of the British Ambassador. The difference, moreover, has disappeared, and it was not that incident which prevented Lord COWLEY from being present at the diplomatic dinner, at which the Turkish Ambassador was also absent."

I am assured that there is no truth in the foregoing statement, and that no such incident, whether "difference" or "conflict," occurred between Lord CLARENDON and Lord COWLEY. Besides it is hardly probable that any matters relating to diplomatic etiquette would have [illegible] discussed till the moment of the meeting of Congress.

PARIS, Friday, Feb. 29.

The Congress has not met to-day; it will sit to-morrow.

Dinner at the Mansion House, London, to the American Minister—Mr. Cobden's Speech.

On Wednesday night, the 29th of February, the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress assembled a numerous party of distinguished ladies and gentlemen at the Mansion House to meet Mr. BUCHANAN, the American Minister, previous to his Excellency's departure from the Embassy in London for his own country. Great disappointment was, however, occasioned to the guests by the unavoidable absence of the principal personage in whose honor the banquet was given. Mr. BUCHANAN having received a gracious invitation to dine with Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace on the same evening, a summons, we need hardly add, to which Court etiquette gives the precedence over all other engagements. The company at the civic festivity consisted of those members of the House of Commons who represent the largest commercial constituencies of the country, together with the leading merchants of London connected with the American and the Canadian trades.

In introducing one of the preliminary toasts the Lord Mayor said, that he should have wished that Mr. BUCHANAN, before his departure from this country, might have taken from him (the Lord Mayor) the assurance that England desired nothing with America but relations of friendship and peace, so long as peace could be preserved without loss of national honor. [Hear, hear.]

The Earl of Elgin, in answer to a toast, made a happy speech, in the course of which he said, he could not help thinking it was a remarkable proof of the comprehensive hospitality of the Lord Mayor that he should meet in that room so many who reminded him of pleasant days spent, and important duties fulfilled, 3,000 miles away. And, in addition, had the American minister been present, they would have had in the time-honored loving cup something to illustrate the great truth which told them that the courtesies of commerce conspired with its interests to promote harmony and good will amongst mankind. [Loud cheers.] He should have felt the more rejoiced if that had taken place, because it had always been his desire that the great provinces with which it had been his good fortune to be connected should be a bond, not a cause of estrangement, between the two great nations that stood upon either side of the Atlantic. [Loud cheers.] He trusted that the American Minister would carry away with him from this country the conviction that if there was one sentiment upon which all classes in this country were united, one feeling in which all sympathized, it was the desire to maintain friendly relations with our kinsmen on the other side of the water—[loud cheers]—a feeling which, he trusted, was reciprocated in America. [Continued cheering.] The noble Earl, previous to resuming his seat, proposed, amid loud cheering, the "Health of the Lord Mayor."

In answer to a compliment paid the City of Manchester, Mr. COBDEN said, there was considerable appropriateness, in his opinion, in placing this toast on the list in connection with the name of Mr. BUCHANAN, for Manchester, although it had contributed as much as any town in the kingdom to our wealth, power and reputation, was at the same time almost as much an American town as it was an English one. The industry of Manchester and its million and a half of inhabitants depended on the supply of a fibre which must arrive in this country at the average rate of 35,000 bales per week, in order that permanent employment and subsistence might be found for the population. He need not say another word to show the importance of friendly relations with America from which nearly all that raw material was derived, nor need he say on the other hand that America was nearly as dependent upon us. [Hear, hear.] They all knew that not a steamer arrived in New-York but there were gazing eyes, and ears eager to catch the first news from this country, and that whether they brought disaster or the reverse, there was a thrill of sympathy in America which the wires of the telegraph carried to the remotest corners of that country. [Hear.] Nor was this a state of things to be regretted; on the contrary, it was one at which, in his opinion, they ought greatly to be rejoiced. He believed that it had happened by God's own ordinance, and that free trade was an international bond ordained by Providence itself. [Hear, hear.] When he heard threats and absurd flourishes, with rumors of war, between two countries that were so intimately connected and so mutually dependent, he only said in reply, what God had joined let no man, or body of men, put asunder. [Cheers.] He did not know whether Mr. BUCHANAN would see through the ordinary channels of communication an account of what was passing in the Mansion-House that evening; he only regretted that he was not present to witness the kindly feeling that was evinced by every one present as regarded both himself and his country. [Cheers.] It had been well observed that there was no class in this great community amongst the members of which any sentiments hostile to America would be received with favor—indeed there was not a rational man in the country who would not hail the opposite sentiment with unanimous applause. He said this is no servile spirit of adulation, but he believed that we could not lift America in the scale of nations without obliquely conferring advantages on ourselves, for America must always owe its most distinguishing traits of character to its descent from this country. He did not mean to say that our American descendants had freed themselves from all our faults, or that possibly they might not have exaggerated some of them, but in the main the similarity was not to be mistaken. Amongst others they had certainly derived from us their aggressive instinct. He once met an American lady in Italy, to whom he remarked how strange it was that her country, with its millions of acres of waste land, was not contented, but was constantly craving after the lands of its neighbors. "Well," she said, "the habit is certainly a bad one, but we came honestly by the propensity, for we inherit it from you." [Laughter.] The fact was, that in his travels he had found very little difference between the two peoples. If he were asked what reminded him most that he was in America (when there) and not in England, he would answer, their greater care of the ladies and less of the men. Certainly if the age of chivalry might be said still to exist, its home, as far as deference to the ladies was concerned, must be looked for in America. He remembered being on a Fourth of July in Boston, the day being the Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, when all the great orators in the country were employed in descanting on the iniquities of GEORGE III., and he approached a church, being anxious to hear a popular orator who was holding forth inside. The beadle—the *fac-simile* of an English beadle—refused him admission, stating as a reason that the corporation had not yet arrived. [A laugh.] He remonstrated, observing that he saw several persons passing in, when the beadle, looking at him with surprise, said, "These gentlemen have ladies with them; do you bring a lady with you, and you will be admitted too." [Laughter.] In short, he had never seen the ladies held in such respect and deference in any country as in America. Whether he went by steamer, coach, or rail, every one was obliged to give way for the accommodation of the ladies. So much for the superior care of the ladies. He would just give one illustration of the less care they took of the men. He remembered once accompanying an American friend to an English Railway station, at which was posted up a request that no one would attempt to cross the line except accompanied by the guard. His American friend remarked that such a notice would be seen nowhere in America, because they thought that if a man was not able to take care of himself he was not worth taking care of. [Laughter.] In conclusion, Mr. COBDEN said, that the relations between England and America reminded him of the quarrels of Dr. JOHNSON and GOLDSMITH. The Doctor often scolded, and GOLDSMITH often murmured, but neither would allow a third party to speak ill of the other. So it was with England and America. They often railed at and scolded each other, but the moment a third party chimed in they were both in arms in defence of the honor of their common Saxon race. [Loud cheers.]

The Steamship Pacific.

From the Liverpool Times.

A good deal of needless alarm has been caused by a statement which comes from Glasgow, to the effect that the *Edinburgh*, steamer, which plies between New-York and the Clyde, saw, on the 7th of Feb., a good deal of broken ice, and a quantity of cabin furniture, such as might be supposed to belong to a first-class steamer like the *Pacific*. The people on board of the *Edinburgh* have taken abundance of time before they gave this statement to the world. The vessel reached Glasgow on the 14th, and nearly a fortnight after they publish a piece of news which at any time would have been remarkable; but is most remarkable after the *Arabia* has arrived with the intelligence that when she left Halifax, N. S., the *Pacific* had not reached New-York. No doubt, the anxiety about the *Pacific* is extreme; but, under the circumstances, we attach very little importance to this statement of the "Glasgow bodies."

It appears that the statement respecting the fragments of the steamer supposed to be lost, rests exclusively on the testimony of one of the passengers by the *Edinburgh*, uncorroborated by any other evidence. The mate of the *Edinburgh*, when in New-York, and the captain, when in Scotland, made no official report of the circumstances. The Liverpool consignees, in a communication with which we have been favored, say:

FRIDAY, Feb. 29, 1856.

Gentlemen,—All we know of the report about the *Pacific* amounts to this: That the *Edinburgh* reports having seen in the ice, longitude 49° 50', latitude 44° 50', on Feb. 7, some furniture belonging to the cabin of a ship.

The vessels in the trade of the *Pacific* are smaller than those described; but as we believe any they is almost every large vessel sailing out of New-York. We do not attach much importance to the statement, as we think there would have been a much larger quantity of wreck about had it been the *Pacific*. Still we are not in a position to deny that it may have belonged to her.

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This explanation is gratifying, as far as it goes, for it shows that the handles of the doors referred to are not peculiar to the *Pacific*, but belong to all the large vessels sailing out of New-York; and secondly, that the eminent firm from which this note emanates, attach little importance to the rumor. The next arrival will be looked to with more than ordinary interest for the clearing up of this point, for which we will have to wait until Sunday, or it may be Monday morning. Yesterday the rate of insurance on the *Pacific* had risen to 40 per cent.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON.

The Speech of Mr. Wakeman on Kansas Affairs—The Contested Seat—Meeting of the Anti-Nebraska Members, &c.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 12, 1856.

A GOOD SPEECH.

One of the very best speeches of the session was made to-day by Hon. ANSON WAKEMAN, of New-York. Mr. STEPHENS, of Georgia, yesterday labored very hard to show that as a Court of law had no power to investigate the validity of a Legislature, therefore the House of Representatives, which sits as a Court to try the qualifications of its members when contested, has no power to inquire into the validity of the Legislature of Kansas in investigating the claim of a Delegate to his seat. HENRY WINTER DAVIS, of Maryland, also a Nebraska man, in a neat, eloquent and logical speech, to-day, took the wind completely out of STEPHENS' sails, showing that his premises were all wrong, and that his argument would not hold water. Mr. DAVIS, however, also arrived at a wrong conclusion—maintaining that Congress parted with its power of deciding whether the Legislature of Kansas was a true Legislature or not, when in the Kansas-Nebraska bill it delegated this power of decision to the Governor of the Territory; hence, he argued, that as Gov. REEDER had recognized the Legislature of Kansas, and issued certificates to its members, the power of decision was exhausted, and the record closed, so that it is now beyond the

NICARAGUA.

OUR GRANADA CORRESPONDENCE.

Revocation of the Transit Company's Grant.

THE MISSION TO COSTA RICA.

COLONEL KINNEY'S DEFENCE OF HIS CLAIM.

Public Sentiment on the Recent Revocation of the Transit Company's Grant—The Situation in Costa Rica—Gold Mining Companies—New Bank—Price of City Lots.

[Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.]

GRANADA, Thursday, Feb. 28, 1856.

By the arrival of the steamers *Star of the West* from New-York, and *Daniel Webster*, from New-Orleans, about 300 persons were added to the population of this city on the 23d inst., near 200 of which formed the army of Nicaragua soon after their arrival.

The decree for the seizure of the property of the Transit Company was received with general satisfaction here; but I cannot anticipate the feelings of the people either of the United States or Nicaragua when they learn that in a decree of the 25th of this month, not yet published, which declares the formation of a new Company for the purpose of carrying out the original intention for which the Transit Company was established, and to assume the management of the line till the Commissioners appointed for this purpose report the result of their investigations, they find such names as VANDERBILT, MORGAN, and others, as the managers of the new company. What can all this mystery mean? Did VANDERBILT assume the Presidency of a Company while he was in negotiation for its destruction, and did MORGAN write a decree speaking as that he might again resume the command of a filibuster regiment? Time will solve this.

I have been assured that E. SCHLESSINGER and his associates intend to quit Costa Rica, and I may therefore be expected every hour in this city. The result of the mission has been prognosticated, and it is said, was from the first intended as a pretext for the commencement of hostilities. I cannot contend this opinion may be the sound of preparation for war in this city will justify it. The march never from this city may therefore be of some interest.

The Gold Mining Companies have been formed here, and is to leave on Saturday, March 1, with the sanction of the Government, which volunteers have lent their aid to carry them across the Lake, and furnish them with arms, implements, and provisions for thirty days at the end of which time they will return to the Government. They go to Chontales, and I hear from the Lake. Another company is now forming, who propose to pay their own expenses.

Arrangements have been completed for the opening of a Bank by the 1st day of May next in this city, with Government security, and parties are now in New-York procuring the necessary printing, &c. A Cuban gentleman named LAZARO is said to have been the prime mover in this business. He left New-York on the 9th of February for this city, and arranged his business so promptly that he returned by the next steamer. It is also said a Mint is to be established immediately by the Government.

Lots in this city are selling fast at $200 each, 100 feet front by 200 deep, and prices are increasing scarce in consequence. Rents have gone up 200 per cent. in the last two months.

Business has taken up rapidly. San Carlos, the mouth of the San Juan River, and one of the best positions on the lake for a city, has been laid out in lots in the month.

Health is prevalent among the new comers, and the health among the American population run down to eight per day, out of a population of 1,000.

The Government and therefore there is not much stir in the city. The Government have not yet made any move against the troops. Returning Californians pass through the city in large numbers, and many of them settled here. E.

*A portion of this decree was published in the DAILY TIMES.

ANNULLING OF THE ACCESSORY TRANSIT COMPANY'S CHARTER.

The Decree.

[Translated from the Republic of Nicaragua, on the 22d of February, 1856.]

WHEREAS, The Republic of Nicaragua, in the year 1849, granted to the American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company, certain privileges, which said rights and privileges were modified by decree of the Congress of this Republic, and whereas, in consideration of said privileges, said Company undertook to open a navigable communication between the two oceans, during the term allotted for the completion of the Canal, and in further consideration of the said American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company, have failed to pay annually the thousand dollars, together with the ten per cent of profits, falsely and fraudulently alleging that no profits were made, and no commission due;

WHEREAS, by the said Charter it was stipulated that for the purpose of settling all matters in dispute between the State and the Company, Commissioners should be appointed by the State on the one part, and the Company on the other; and

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of November, 1853, the Republic of Nicaragua notified the said Company to fulfill its obligations under the charter, and the said Company expressly refused the same; and

WHEREAS, by the decree of the 7th day of March, 1853, the said Company was made a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name and description of "The American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company;" and

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of August, 1851, the Republic of Nicaragua, with the sole object of facilitating the interoceanic canal, and in accordance with the desires expressed by the Congress of said canal, to divide and separate the Department of the 25th September, 1848, the Department relating to the navigation by steam of the Rivers of Nicaragua, did constitute a new Company, under the name of "Accessory Transit Company of Nicaragua," and consisting of the same persons composing the American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company, and subject to the same obligations. Now, therefore, the Supreme Provisional Government of Nicaragua, in virtue of its faculties,

DECREES

1. The grant to the American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company, of date 23d September, 1849, and the modifications thereof, made 11th April, 1850, and all the privileges conferred, are revoked and annulled. The Accessory Transit Company of Nicaragua, of date 16th day of March, 1853, and the Accessory Transit Company of date 14th day of August, 1851, are annulled; and the said American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company and Accessory Transit Company of Nicaragua, are established, except for the purposes of this decree.

2. The Supreme Director, Dr. Don Edward J. Kewan, and Don Francisco Allen (any two of whom may act), are appointed a Board of Commissioners, with full power to receive and examine the amount due by the Accessory Transit Company to the State, with power to send for persons and papers, and to enforce their decisions on all their orders and decrees. The said Board shall proceed at once to discharge the duties of their office, and shall notify the agents of the said Company in Nicaragua, that on your behalf, they give all guidance, that may be required, and with the privilege to defend the interests of the said Company.

3. The said Commission shall be considered as still in session for the purpose of being called together for examination of the accounts of the said Company, and for no other purpose than for receiving the payment of such balance as may be found due to the State, by the said Company, and for receiving the property of said Company to be delivered by the said Commissioners, and for no other purpose.

4. The said Commissioners are authorized to take possession of the Transit Route across the Isthmus of Nicaragua, for the purpose of carrying the decree into effect, and to take possession of all the property of said Company, to be delivered by the said Commissioners, and for no other purpose than its appraised value, which property shall be forthwith delivered to the Government of New-York, and that the Government of New-York shall be responsible for the transport of the property, or for the value of the property, in transporting said property to New-York, and for all expenses, to be bended, the same to be accepted by three Commissioners, who are authorized to receive the same, and with distinct proceedings in relation thereto, which proceedings shall be kept by the Commissioners, and shall be considered as still in session for the purpose of being called together for examination of the accounts of said Company, and for no other purpose.

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Silver Spectacles.....$1 50 to $15 00 each

Silver Thimbles.....50 cts to $2 00 each

Silver Pencils.....50 cts to $2 00 each

Silver Pens.....$1 75 to $20 00 each

Silver Tea Spoons.....$6 00 to $9 00 per doz

Silver Table Spoons.....$1 00 to $1 50 each

Silver Pie Knives.....$1 00 to $1 50 each

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☞ In the letter of our Paris correspondent, "Malakoff," will be found a very lively and entertaining description of the great Washington Ball which was given in Paris by our countrymen on the 22d ult.; but, there is a paragraph in the letter which we cannot allow to pass unnoticed, lest our silence might possibly be construed into an approval of the act which it mentions. It is stated that DUMAS would have been glad to have been present at the ball but was denied a ticket by the Committee. We trust there may be a mistake in this, for we can hardly bring ourselves to believe that a Committee of American gentlemen would have been guilty of such a piece of unmitigated snobbery, as to deny a ticket of admission to the productions of living authors, whose name is a household word in this country, and whose works have been the solace and delight of the present generation, while they extended invitations to all the titled nobodies in Paris, and thought it necessary that the moneyed class should be represented by a Jewish Banker. We must confess to a feeling of mortification, that, in the list of names at this commemoration of the birthday of WASHINGTON, there should be so large a preponderance of unrecognized titles, while there are so few of the representatives of art, literature and science.

☞ The *Arabia* reached her dock at Boston at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and her mails, forwarded in the morning train, arrived in the City last evening. Beyond the telegraphic summary previously received from Halifax, there is little news of interest. All that is known of the proceedings, so far, of the Plenipotentiaries in the Paris Conferences will be found among our extracts. The speech of Mr. Crampton at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor of London to the American Minister previous to his departure from England, will be read with special interest.

☞ Petitions were presented in the U. S. Senate yesterday, from merchants and insurance of Boston, New-York and Philadelphia, asking for a revision of the tariff. A report was then made in favor of printing $1,000 copies of the majority and minority reports of the Territorial Committee on Kansas affairs, which led to a somewhat personal debate between Senators TWOMBS, DOUGLAS, CRITTENDEN, SUMNER and others. It is richly worth reading. The resolution empowering the Committee on Elections to send for persons and papers in the Kansas case was again before the Senate. Both houses have adjourned over to Monday.

☞ Petitions against the Broadway Railroad were presented in both branches of the Legislature yesterday. A favorable report was made in the Senate on the bill to amend the Common School laws, and also on the bill to amend the General Railroad law so as to require locomotives to blow a whistle at crossings, &c. In the Assembly, a favorable report was made on the bill to protect the citizens of New-York against the exactions of City Railroads. The bill regulating the Metropolitan Railroad Commission was passed. A bill was introduced to enable the corporation of this City to lease Reservoir-Square as a site for the Crystal Palace for a longer term; another to provide for licensing watermen; and another to regulate the duties of Port Wardens.

☞ The New-Hampshire Election has probably resulted in the choice of METCALF, Opposition candidate for Governor, by a small majority over WELLS, Democrat. The returns are only partial, but from 186 cities and towns show 26,529 votes for METCALF and 26,160 for WELLS. The Senate is tied. In the House the Democrats are decidedly in the minority, having 114 Representatives to 146 Opposition. The contest has been hot, and the result is remarkable, the Anti-Nebraska issue having triumphed.

The Peace Conferences.

No less than four of the contradictory rumors which "abounded" in the English and French capitals, at the time of the sailing of the *Arabia* from Liverpool, respecting the proceedings of the Paris Conferences, (concerning which, be it remarked, every participator was bound in honor to preserve inviolable secrecy,) are given with more or less distinctness, in the London papers. It is true that the Plenipotentiaries had held but two meetings—on the 25th and 27th ultimo—of which the first was consumed in formalities, and of the second of which nothing could be certainly known; nevertheless, from these scanty materials, patched out by the shrugs, winks and nods of diplomatic mercurialities, the *gaudemus* had reaped no inconsiderable harvest.

It was asserted that, at the second meeting of the Conference, Count ORLOFF and Baron BOURQUENEY had objected to the consideration of the 24th point; although, according to the same authority, it had been accepted two days before as one of the bases of negotiations, and had certainly been signed, equally with the other preliminaries, at Vienna. There is no little look of probability in this story of so sudden a change in the views of the representatives of the Russian Government.

The second number, too, attributes to Russia, Austria and Prussia, in opposition to England, a desire for a general European Congress to adjust all Continental difficulties. This may be true in fact, and it may be false; but, as it was here an immediate bar to the establishment of the Eastern Congress, it deserves no very grave discussion for the present. It is doubtless an opposition to the story, circulated several weeks ago, that NAPOLEON III. was the author of the pamphlet, published in Paris, calling for a Congress of Monarchs, and is of course made favor with those in France who wish for the abrogation of the settlements made at the Congress of Vienna, as well as with the Franco-Russian party, whose diplomacy would be more effectual among greater numbers and with more divided interests.

The report that a triple league was about to be formed between France, Austria and Russia, hostile to Great Britain, is the evident product of the policy of conciliation towards Austria, which has been pursued since the beginning of his reign by the French Emperor, and need not be laid to the account of the Conferences. In the midst of all the doubts which have been expressed by the English press during the last year and a half, of the sincerity of FRANCIS JOSEPH I. and Count BUOL, LOUIS NAPOLEON alone has continued to declare his implicit reliance upon the representations of the Court of Vienna, and has proposed to trust in its faithfulness to the engagements it has made since December 2, 1854. By this course of policy, he has done as much to conciliate the feelings of the Austrian Monarch, as England has to wound them, and it is not astonishing that the intimate relations which have grown up between Paris and Vienna, should excite the jealousy of those who cannot think of Austria without distrust.

The most serious item of news with respect to the Conferences, would, if it be correct, be contained in the announcement that Russia positively refuses to relinquish her Protectorate over the Greek Christians of Turkey. That is, she insists upon retaining the spiritual and quasi-temporal sovereignty over a quarter of the subjects of the Porte, with the implied right to interfere in their behalf, at such future time as her ambitious philanthropy may deem expedient. We earnestly trust that this last rumor is groundless, for, if it is not, all hopes of the pacification of Europe are, for the present, at an end. Arms were taken up by the Allies with the express object of destroying the exclusive Protectorate over the Greeks which NICHOLAS claimed, and the war cannot come to an end until that point shall have been satisfactorily arranged.

It cannot be said that piety, in the strict sense of the word, formed any part of the character of the late Emperor NICHOLAS; yet it was he who impressed upon the policy of Russia, more than any of his predecessors, the sagacious idea that it was the mission of the Sclavonic race to destroy Moslemism, and also to unite, under one temporal rule, all members of the Greek Church. He even pretended to believe in certain obscure prophecies, to the effect that he and his dynasty were predestined to extirpate error, and spread over the earth the Orthodox faith. The fanatical followers of AMURATH and MAHOMET II. were not inspired with a more implacable bigotry in assuming the sway of the Ottoman. Shall he be justified into the old Muscovite block, with regard to "Holy Russia," and the shrines of Moscow. With whatever skill such sentiments may be concealed, the Court of St. Petersburg has not less regarded the acquisition of the Turkish Principalities as by "Divine right" her "manifest destiny," than all other Sclavonic provinces in Europe, by whomsoever held, and at whatsoever risk to be finally attained. Bohemia, Moravia, Croatia, Sclavonia, Galicia, Pomerania, and even Hungary, have all been looked at for over a quarter of a century, with that greedy piety which is the inevitable accompaniment of an armed creed.

The Court of Vienna knows what it has to fear from the cunningly devised scheme of a Greco-Sclavonic protectorate. The true guarantee which the French Emperor has possessed of Austria's faithfulness, has been the consciousness that the internal aggrandizement as well as external reputation of the latter, are dependant upon an attitude adverse to the interests of the Czar. Great monsters digest slowly, and it was necessary that Poland should be *thoroughly denationalized before Russia* could devour another nation; but every one knows that, even previous to the last Polish Revolution, it has seemed only to depend upon a flat from St. Petersburg, whether of not the talismanic words "Greek unity" should cause a general Austro-Sclavonic revolt. When, in 1828, a deputation of notables from Lemberg waited upon NICHOLAS, and offered in behalf of the people, to rise up in favor of Russia, the crafty monarch rejected their proposition; but the individuals composing it received the decoration of St. Anne. They were simply invited to *wait*. Not a blow, therefore, since the beginning of the war, has been struck by the Allies, which has not told infinitely more for the enfranchisement of the diplomacy of Austria, than for the independence of Turkey. It is only, in fact, since 1853, that the house of Hapsburg has began once more to breathe, and Count BUOL will never permit peace to be made, upon terms which will leave his Imperial master more enslaved than he was before.

Prince SCHWARTZENBURG boasted of the "stupendous ingratitude" with which Austria would, one day, repay the services of Russia, in Hungary, in 1848. The Arch-Duke FRANCIS JOSEPH is said to have wept bitterly when he heard that the intervention of a Cossack army was needed to save his dominions. The proud Arch-Duchess SOPHIA, his mother, a worthy sister of LOUIS of Bavaria, had instilled into the mind of her son not only hostility to Russia, but even, in accordance with the Metternich plan, in 1815, at Vienna, a wish for the restoration of Poland, in order to oppose a barrier to the holy inundation which was slowly surging westward from the dominions of the Czar. Poverty, the exposed state of her eastern frontier, and a willingness to have her battles fought by others, prevented Austria from taking an active part with the Allies; but her end has always been clear before her—her own complete emancipation from the coils with which Russia had surrounded her. Without the abolition of the Protectorate over Greek Christians, she would be worse off than before, and to this her Emperor will never consent.

On the other hand, it will be a bitter humiliation for Russia, if she is compelled to loosen her hold upon the most powerful lever by which she has hoped to move the world. The ambitious policy of the Czars has been uniform and consistent, although patient and slow. In no case have they ever yet abandoned an acquisition once obtained. The Russian nobility may favor peace; but we fear they will scarcely consent to retrograde the prosperity of the Empire, however wise they may deem it to have its progress simply retarded. There are some reasons to suspect, therefore, though the signing of the preliminaries prevents their being very powerful ones, that neither party may see its way to consent, without dishonor, at the present juncture, to the necessary terms of peace, and that the Paris Conferences may possibly be dissolved without having led to the wished for result of the settlement of the Eastern difficulty.

The Napoleon of Nicaragua.

General WALKER undoubtedly possesses many of the qualities of a great conqueror, and, if he should fail to put them to a good use, it will be owing to his misfortune in being born out of time, and in a country where there was no call for his peculiar talents. He has a truly Napoleonic method, but, unhappily for him, not a people suitable to his purposes. He is quick to conceive, bold in his projects, prompt to act, and as audacious as JULIUS CESAR in carrying out his projects. At present he is supreme Dictator of Nicaragua, and, unless some outside power should interfere, he will very soon have all Central America under his thumb. Without apologizing in the slightest degree for his lawless fillibustering, we cannot withhold our admiration of the man's vigorous executive abilities. His success in Nicaragua cannot be considered even problematical, for, unless he can change the nature of the vagabond population of that Territory, and neutralise the enfeebling tendency of the climate, he cannot succeed in founding a State, where there are none of the raw materials of enterprise to work with. His last *coup d'etat*—the seizure of the boats of the Transit Company, annulling their charter and granting a new one to one of his friends—has created a greater excitement in Wall-street, among stock jobbers, than any event of the past ten years. Whatever the motives of General WALKER may be in his last escapade, we can hardly believe that he has gone to work in a thoughtless manner, and involved himself in a scrape which will compel the interference of this country or Great Britain. He cannot be so mad as to dream of defying the power of the United States, or of making it a point of honor with this Government to interfere to protect the rights of our citizens. Whatever his motives or expectations may be, he has succeeded, by his audacious movements, for a while, at least, in diverting public attention from our difficulties with England.

The cause assigned by WALKER for his conduct, is the failure of the Transit Company to fulfill their contract, but his army consists in his own estimate, the equivalent means of redress in such an emergency, which was, according to the charter of the Company, to refer the matter in dispute to a commission of arbitration; and, unless he has acted in compliance with the wishes of our Government, he has laid himself liable to being taken in hand by this country and Great Britain, both being bound by the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty to protect the Company in the prosecution of their business. As the affair now stands, it presents a very puzzling aspect for the public, the movements of the Nicaraguan Dictator being so involved with immense stock jobbing operations in Wall-street, and the private speculations of all manner of adventurers. WALKER's organ, the Nicaraguan newspaper, asserts that he was induced to deprive the Transit Company of their charter because the Company was controlled by Messrs. ASPINWALL & VANDERBILT, who wanted to ruin *the route for the sake of raising the stock of the* Panama Railroad, to enable them to sell out at a profit.

Without this new difficulty with the Transit Company, General WALKER appears to have work enough on his hands already, and he must have a genius for overcoming difficulties which will make him the foremost man of the time if he can succeed in quieting his hostile neighbors, in keeping his rival, Colonel KIRKBY, at bay; in quelling domestic insurrections, and in fighting his powerful adversaries of the Transit Company. Perhaps the General is growing tired of his position, and is looking out for a new field of enterprise, and desires to abdicate with *eclat*. If such be his intentions, he will be likely to succeed to his entire satisfaction.

The Expected Treasure from California.

The shipment of gold from San Francisco on the 29th of February, by the mail steamer *Sonora* amounted to about $1,200,000, so that allowing for what is ordinarily dropped at the Isthmus, the consignment for this port will probably be about $1,000,000.

☞ The Stonington steamer, *Plymouth Rock*, which was ashore last Winter on City Island, was on Friday morning, taken up by the Balance Dock for repairs. Both sides of her hull forward under the water lines and near the bends are badly stove; and her fore foot is slightly damaged. But she does not appear to be strained, nor in the smallest degree out of line.

☞ Rev. JOHN L. SIBLEY has been confirmed by the Board of Overseers of Harvard College as Librarian of that Institution. Mr. SIBLEY was the associate of the late Dr. HARRIS, for fifteen years, and his appointment has given great satisfaction to the patrons of the College.

☞ Mr. EDWARD WORRELL publishes in the Delaware *Republican* an elaborate vindication of his official course in the United States Consulate at Matanzas. He exposes certain wrongs, alleged to have been committed by Spanish officials.

☞ Rev. Dr. S. H. COX is now in Brooklyn delivering a course of lectures on subjects connected with the Bible, before the Brooklyn School Union, in the Presbyterian Church in Henry-street.

☞ Norwalk harbor is now open, and the steamboat *Jane Hart* came out on Thursday, for the first in the present season, to resume her regular trips.

☞ Gov. GARDNER, of Massachusetts, has appointed Thursday, April 10, as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer.

☞ A shock of an earthquake was felt at Clinton, Conn., a few days ago. It lasted 25 seconds.

NEW-YORK CITY.

"Charley," the Boy-Girl, discharged from Custody.

ELLEN LENNON, the boy-girl, who for the last four years has dressed in male attire, and is known as "Charley," was yesterday discharged from custody by Recorder SMITH, on application of her counsel, Mr. SYMONS, on the ground that the affidavit was not sufficient to sustain the commitment. The affidavit set forth that she was a vagrant and a prostitute. There was no evidence to corroborate these charges. On the contrary, it was shown that she had always earned her living, and had paid her way wherever she went. The counsel referred to the decision of Judge MORRIS in the case of MARTHA WADE, who had no lawful employment, but against whom there was no proof of vagrancy, and who was therefore discharged by that Judge. ELLEN LENNON was arrested, without a warrant, in her own room, at the hotel where she boarded, while she was engaged in reading. The Recorder, in discharging her, advised her to leave the City immediately, to escape the persecutions to which the notoriety she has obtained through this arrest would subject her. She stated, in reply, that she was shortly going to her sister in California.

The Recorder heard the argument and gave his decision at his Chamber. It got noised abroad that the "boy-girl" was inside, and a crowd soon collected in the street, and up the stairway leading to his Honor's offices. "Charley" had to wait a long time in the Recorder's Chambers before the people grew tired of waiting and dispersed; and when she did leave, it was under the protection of the police.

Suicide of a Mexican Officer.

LOUIS GIRSO, a Captain in the Mexican Army, committed suicide about 5½ o'clock yesterday afternoon, by shooting himself in the head with a pistol, at the boarding-house of Mrs. HARRIS, No. 18 Walker-street. The deceased was 38 years of age. He has been sojourning in this City for the past six months, and was sent on here, it is said, by his Government for the purpose of purchasing and transporting to Vera Cruz a quantity of firearms. About two months ago he began to betray signs of insanity and the symptoms continued so to increase that it was determined to make an inquiry as to his sanity. When GIRSO became aware of this determination, he got greatly incensed, and declared that he would never submit to such humiliation. Despite his protestations the inquiry was to have been held to-day, and GIRSO, there is no doubt, put an end to his existence in order to avoid what he believed to be so great a humiliation. Coroner GAMBLE will hold an inquest on the body at 10 o'clock this morning.

Charge against Captain Joseph T. Comstock of the Steamship Baltic.

A charge was made at the United States Commissioner's Office, by one of the crew of the ship, of a violation of the act of Congress, by leaving the complainant in the port of Liverpool, unprovided for in the month of November last. On the examination of the sailor it appeared that shortly after the arrival of the vessel out, he asked for permission to go on shore for twenty-four hours, which was granted, but he overstaid his time twenty-four hours, and was then paid off and discharged from the ship. The complaint was dismissed.

☞ The disputed Comptrollership was yesterday brought up in the Supreme Court, before Judge ROOSEVELT, on a motion by the defendant for a struck Jury. Mr. O'CONOR, counsel for Mr. FLAGG, stated that he was willing that one person should be selected by the opposite side to strike this Jury; but His Honor thought that the law required two persons to be selected, and he, therefore, mentioned MICHAEL ULSHOEFFER, Esq. Mr. JAS. T. BRADY, who, with Messrs. EDMONDS, JORDAN and GLOVER, appeared for the plaintiff, selected Ex-Judge WILLIAM KENT.

☞ The packet ship *Guy Mannering*, Capt. S. H. DOLLARD, from Liverpool, arrived at this port yesterday, after a passage of 44 days, during which she has experienced a continual succession of westerly gales. Captain D. reports encountering icebergs and ice fields from the lat. of 45°20', and lon. 47°35' to lat. 42°18', and lon. 50°30', and was obliged to go southward to clear it. She brings only 89 passengers.

☞ To remedy the Sunday sleepiness which bothers so many good people who want to keep awake, the *Christian Intelligencer* says "the patient must lay his foot across instead, above the floor, and hold it there in suspense, without support to the limb. Repeat the remedy as often as the attack comes on."

☞ Not many houses are to let yet. This is not because houses are scarce but because almost every street is in such a filthy condition that landlords fear to advertise theirs, lest house hunters who cannot endure other people's dirt, should be disgusted and turn away hastily from them.

☞ It is "kite time" now and the boys are making the most of it. This is a sign of coming Spring.

☞ The three-masted schooner *Hartstene* will be launched to-day at 4 P. M., from WEST's ship-yard, Greenpoint.

☞ Yesterday was a warm, Spring-like day, the streets were muddy, of course.

☞ This is capital weather to get cold. A great many have gone in for the article.

☞ The Secretary of the Navy made a quiet business visit to the Brooklyn Navy-Yard yesterday.

☞ The Aldermen couldn't get a quorum last night.

Legislative Committee on Tenement-Houses.

The first meeting of the Committee appointed by the State Legislature to inquire into and report on the condition of the tenant-houses in this City was held yesterday in the Mayor's office, at 3 P. M. Mr. JOHN M. REED, Chairman, presided. The other members of the Committee, all of whom were in attendance, are: Mr. DUGANNE, New-York; Mr. SHAW, Richmond; Mr. CURTIS, Westchester, and Mr. HAZZARD, Kings County.

The attendance was not large. Ex-Alderman ORISON BLUNT submitted to the Committee a set of plans of tenant houses, which he considered much superior to the buildings commonly constructed for that purpose. Three of these houses are built on two blocks—that is, with fifty feet frontage. They have a depth of fifty feet, and are four stories high. The walls are eight inches thick, forty feet high, and well built. Mr. BLUNT has houses of this sort at the corner of Norfolk and Broome streets. The lower story of each is let as a shop at $12 a month, the two next floors at $10 a month, and the fourth floor at $8. This makes the yearly rental of each house $460, or $1,640 for the three. The value of the ground and buildings in this locality is abou $17,000. Such an income, in the shape of rent from so much invested capital, was quite satisfactory, and preferable, in Mr. BLUNT's opinion, to an investment in the five per cent. bonds. He never experienced any difficulty in ejecting the tenants. He let his houses monthly, on an agreement to which the tenants had to subscribe before entering, and generally found that they left on being noticed. He was particular, however, in the selection of his tenants in the first place, and employed no agent; neither did he permit sub-letting. Sometimes the tenants did not leave until compelled by warrant; that never cost more than $1 50. In one or two cases he was obliged to spend $10 before he could succeed in dispossessing the tenant; that happened only in the case where the parties demanded a jury trial. For a house affording tenant accommodation, at cheaper rents, Mr. BLUNT recommended the five-story building and 12-inch wall, 25 feet frontage, 80 feet in depth, and 12 rooms on each floor, giving accommodation to four families, and with ventilation at the sides. The present law providing that no wall shall be less than 12 inches in thickness, would, he was convinced, materially affect the scale of rents. In places out of the City the rents would be lower, but not lower in proportion with the smaller price of land. For a colony of rag-pickers he suggested a sort of hollow-square, built round with pens on each side, a near-pool in the middle, and a plentiful supply of Croton water to be let on at stated periods, every morning, by the policemen, so as to wash everything away that was not cleared off the floors. For poor people he imagined the best sort of dwellings would be houses built in courts, and let in floors or flats, well ventilated. A good deal of very loose information was extracted from Mr. BLUNT, in a very loose way, by members of the Committee, and eventually, at about 5 o'clock, an adjournment took place.

The National Academy.

There was a great throng in the rooms of the National Academy of Design all yesterday and evening—it being opening day. The contributions, of course, are of various excellence and interest, there being some choice pictures, and some which are of the tea-tray order. DURAND's magnificent *Sunset*, and KENSETT's "Franconia Mountains," attracted all. There is a large portrait of WASHINGTON IRVING, with hat and cane in hand, starting "to go out of politics," we suppose, by the mature. There are over Dolman, Rowse, and others, the brilliant pictures Havana Travellers and Fruit Venders, respectively with which Mr. DURANDS has been so much pleased, and which were much admired, and Miss DURANDS has in her usual humorous style. We can admire of the gentlemen and ladies who adorn the walls with their "counterfeit presentments," standing amidst the crowd. It was quite amusing to see their faces when not the artist's work, but the subject, was sometimes pretty boldly criticised by the visitors who did not recognize the originals.

THE COUNCILMEN.

Another Heated Term on the Broadway Railroad.

THE LIE DIRECT.

The Board of Councilmen met last evening, President PINCKNEY in the Chair, and after passing a number of resolutions of no general importance.

STREET NAMES ON THE LAMPS.

The following resolution was offered and referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Streets be, and he is hereby directed to have painted legibly on the lamps on the corner of each street and avenue, the name of each street or avenue, and also the number of the house painted on the frames of each side of all the lamps directly opposite the same.

STREET CLEANING.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee of the Whole:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Streets and Lamps cause the snow and ice to be removed from Greenwich-street, between Battery-place and Chambers-street; also, in Hanover-street where necessary, as soon as practicable.

REMOVAL OF THE CASTLE GARDEN PIER.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee of the whole, together with a favorable report thereon by the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed, to have the pier on the outside of Castle Garden removed forthwith.

SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

The resolution of the President relative to a special election to supply the vacancy caused by the demise of ROBERT S. DIXON was then called up and passed after being amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That a special election is hereby ordered in the Twenty-fourth Council District in the Ninth Ward of the City of New-York, to be held on Tuesday, the 8th of April, 1856, for the election of a Councilman to represent said District for the residue of the term of office of his immediate predecessor.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby authorized and requested to take the necessary steps by advertising, posting notices, &c., to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

THE BROADWAY RAILROAD—ANGRY WORDS.

Mr. SWAN then called up his resolution relative to the Broadway Railroad, already published in the TIMES. He presented the following to be added to it:

Resolved, That the resolution purporting to give to Jacob Sharp and others therein named and mentioned, the authority and consent of the Common Council to lay a double track for a railway in Broadway and Whitehall or State-street, from the South Ferry to Fifty-ninth street, and rules hereafter to continue the same from time to time along the Bloomingdale Road to Manhattanville, voted by the Board of Aldermen, December 29, 1852, and by the Board of Assistant Aldermen December 30, 1852, together with all authority, consent, power and privileges, (if any such there are or ever were,) in any wise conferred by or derivable from, or under said resolution, be and the same is hereby revoked, rescinded, vacated and repealed.

Resolved, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken as an expression either for or against the construction of a railroad in Broadway, when duly authorized in a legal manner.

He made some lengthened remarks in support of the immediate passage of the resolution as amended. His object in amending was to obviate a difficulty.

Mr. BARNEY called the speaker to order, the question not having been stated by the Chair.

The Chair decided debate in order.

Mr. SWAN continued. He said the Board of Aldermen had rescinded the grant, and subsequently, while the document was in *transitu* between the Boards, it had been mislaid or lost. He amended his former proposition, so that at no future time the paper, if found, could be produced to annul this action. The resolution, as amended, would require the concurrence of the Aldermen, and would effectually cancel any alleged grant presumptively made. He then reviewed the action of previous Councils on this question from the first presentation of the matter in 1852. The courts of law had decided the grant to be void; but parties without fear of consequences desire to galvanize it by the action of the Legislature, through which body it was now proposed to enact an exceptional law, not only usurping the chartered rights of the New-York Corporation, but overriding any future action by the legal tribunals. He reviewed the proposed measure at some length, and severely animadverted on the conduct of lobby members.

Mr. BARNEY followed. He thought the last speaker could not have done better had he been before a Jury at the Tombs. He did not think Mr. SWAN had advanced one point worthy of reply. The gentleman had truly said that what could not be done in the Common Council in New-York is done at Albany. Never were words more true, for when Mr. SWAN had failed to pass his Peter Cooper Reform Charter through the Board, he pocked it closely under his arm and sped off to Albany with it.

Mr. SWAN rose to explain.

Mr. BARNEY desired to know who had the floor.

Mr. SWAN was anxious to explain.

The CHAIR told Mr. SWAN to sit down.

Mr. BARNEY promised to see Mr. SWAN right.

Mr. SWAN would prefer to hear the speaker set himself right.

Mr. BARNEY continued—Mr. SWAN had already stated that he so appealed at Albany, and that he had no right to do so as one of a Committee appointed to report a draft to this Board. As to lobbying, which the last speaker so denounced, he wondered that Mr. SWAN should say a word about it, for it is a fact that he has made himself a positive bore by button-holeing every member of the Board, and canvassing the passage of his resolution.

Mr. SWAN objected to these personalities.

The CHAIR desired the speaker to confine himself to the question.

Mr. BARNEY would if he could. He said Mr. SWAN has stated what is false as to the reference of a paper sent to this Board from the Aldermen. The records show that that paper was given over to the Railroad Committee, where it can doubtless be found. Every member had without question made up his mind as to what his action would be in regard to this measure, and he would not detain the Board by long speeches. Mr. SWAN had stated that if anybody but Mr. Sharp had to do with the bill he would not object to it.

Mr. SWAN denied the statement.

Mr. BARNEY resumed—He (Mr. S.) had stated that if Mr. John Smith applied for the grant he should have no interest in the matter. In conclusion, he moved "that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Railroads."

Mr. SWAN objected, because of the necessity for immediate action. He considered it but a poor compliment to the Board from Mr. BARNEY when he said they had all made up their minds.

Mr. BARNEY was at a loss to know what Mr. SWAN means by that, when he had himself told a person in the room that it was 'no use to try and convince him, as his mind was made up."

Mr. SWAN declared that Mr. BARNEY had stated what was false. On coming into the Board he had met a person of no very enviable character, who had tried to talk him into believing that there was no corruption in the Boards of 1852, '53, and '54; to which he replied that his "mind was made up," meaning on that point.

The question was now loudly called for, and the reference was put and carried by the following vote:

AYES—Councilmen H. Smith, Clifton, Gavitt, Benich, J. Reilly, Bickford, Waugh, Barney, Crane, Murray, McKinley, Warner, Barry, Martin, Avery, Kennard, Sheets, Beale, Raymond, Hart, McConnell, Reed, Farrar, Van Riper, Pinckney, Miller, Odell, Wallace, Ryer, Dunn, Noyes, Maynard, Cargill, and I. A. Hopper—34.

NAYS—Councilmen Gray, Hemphill, Boehner, Whitlock, Floyd, O'Reilly, Brady, Swan, Appleby, Merritt, S. Hopper, R. Reilly, Taylor, Baxter, Bradley—15. Majority, 19.

The Committee were instructed to report on Wednesday next, and the Board adjourned.

THE LIE DIRECT.

As the members of the Board were leaving, a gentleman met Mr. HEMPHILL at the bar, and asking him what he thought of it, received for reply that "it was a fraud all through." Upon which said gent., announcing himself as Mr. SHARP, gave the Councilman the lie direct, which, by way of emphasis, he coupled with an oath. A serious demonstration was only prevented by the speedy interference of other members of the Board.

☞ A decision in the U. S. Court at Baltimore settles the question that on ship-board blows may be inflicted with any proper weapon in a proper degree, if honestly done, to enforce obedience to a present order, and not to punish for past disobedience.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

LYON'S KATHAIRON.

The immense popularity of this unequaled toilet article is entirely without precedent. Its sale is nearly 1,000,000 bottles per year, and the demand is constantly increasing. It restores the hair when it has fallen out; preserves and beautifies it, imparting to it a beautiful gloss; removes dandruff, and keeps the hair perfectly clean; while its delightful perfume makes it the pleasantest article ever prepared. Sold by all druggists and fancy goods dealers. HEATH, WYNKOOP, & CO., Proprietors, No. 62 Liberty-st., New-York.

SPRING FASHIONS.—HATS AT THE WEST END EMPORIUM, No. 128 Canal-st. These hats will be found to combine all the improvements of the age, less the exaggerated charges. Boys caps, &c.

J. W. KELLOGG.

ELEGANT CARPETINGS.

SMITH & LOUNSBERRY, NO. 422 BROADWAY, ARE now prepared to exhibit their new Spring styles of Ingrain, Venetian, 3-ply and Imperial carpetings, among the assortment will be found a large number of new designs not before offered, also, a large stock of checkers of every width, and all other goods usually kept in the trade.

RHEUMATISM, SCROFULA, &c.—HOWARD'S SARSAPARILLA AND TOMATO PILLS.—These well known remedies are now recommended by the most respectable authority as the best purifiers of the blood. It cured Mr. John Hudson, No. 3 Avenue C, of the Rheumatism, Mrs. Ann Hudson, No. 3 Avenue C, of a bad humor complaint, which was pronounced incurable by the most eminent physicians, and Mrs. Thomas, corner of Bowery and Grand-st., of a humor on the head, which had baffled all other remedies. Sold by HOWARD, 192 Broadway. Dry Goods Stores, and by druggists generally.

FOR INDIGESTION, FLATULENCY, DOSTIVENESS, and dark Sallow Complexion, use only STRINGER'S ORIGINAL DANDELION COFFEE, which has all the many fine properties of the root, and a flavor and appearance so fine that it is taken by those who have never been able to use any other. Price 25 cents per pound. Sold by STRINGER, 379 Broadway, and by all dealers.

THOSE SUFFERING FROM BILIOUS ATTACKS, sour stomach, sick headache, languor, or other disorders arising from deranged livers, will find SANFORD'S INVIGORATOR a sure cure. Call at No. 188 Front-st., and try it gratis. Sold by SANFORD & CO., Proprietors, No. 188 Front-st., and druggists generally.

A RARE CHANCE TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

We have over 500 different patterns of chamber sets, of most beautiful patterns, that we offer cheaper than ever before. Call at No. 425 Broadway, Nos. 87 and 89 Bowery, and 64 Division-st. W. A. F. BAILEY & CO., Marble Stores, Nos. 425 and 427 Broadway, between Hester and Bleecker-sts.

BEEBE & CO., FASHIONABLE HATTERS, NO. 156 BROADWAY—Have ready and now offer for sale the Spring and Summer fashion for gentlemen's Hats, made with their improved ventilator, which, among other improvements, renders their hats lighter and more comfortable to the head than any ever offered to the public.

STEARNS & MARVEN'S WILDER'S PATENT SALAMANDER Safes of every desirable size or pattern, and of improved finish, imported by Brummer's Patent and Regular Proof Ia Belle Lock, may be found at reduced prices at the depot No. 145 Water-st., New-York. After May 1 at No. 40 Murray-st. STEARNS & MARVIN.

FINE TEAS.—A LARGE ASSORTMENT NEW CROP Green and Black Teas, including choicest Hyson, Young Hyson, Gunpowder and Imperial. Also, Green and English Breakfast Teas, unsurpassed for sale, at a liberal discount for cash, or on usual credit for good parties. JAMES CASSIDY & CO., No. 102 Front-st.

JUST RECEIVED.—A CHOICE LOT OF FRENCH and English fancy Shirtings, which will be made to measure at short notice. Also the latest fashion styles of fancy silk cravats, only 25 cents. De Joinville-ties, at No. 214 Broadway, opposite the Broadway Theatre.

A. E. SHAW. GEO. E. BOURNE.

JOHN B. GOUGH WILL DELIVER A LECTURE at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, (Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's,) TUESDAY EVENING, March 18, beginning at 7½ o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents each; to be sold on the occasion at the church door. This will be one of the last opportunities to hear Mr. GOUGH, which has ever been offered to the public.

HATCHELOR'S HAIR DYE—THE ORIGINAL, THE Reliable, the Infallible—the admiration of the world, the envy of imitators. True to Nature in color, it leaves no injury to hair or skin, may be questioned the self-defacing Bad Dyes. Made and sold, or applied, for 25 cents, at HATCHELOR'S Wig Factory, No. 233 Broadway.

CHRISTADORO'S HAIR-DYE, WIGS AND TOUPEES stand preeminent above all competitors. A suite of elegant private rooms for applying the dye. Gentlemen's great-est standard article of the kind. Wigs and Toupees are perfection itself. Sold and retail at CHRISTADORO'S, No. 6 Astor-House.

WIGS, WIGS, WIGS—HATCHELOR'S WIGS AND Toupees have improvements peculiar to themselves, and excel all others. They are adopted all over the United States world for their graceful beauty, ease and durability, and are to a charge. The largest, best assortment, in the world. Made and sold at HATCHELOR'S, No. 233 Broadway.

SANTA WILL INTRODUCE TO-DAY THE SPRING styles of Silk and Felt Hats, for Gents and Boys, at his long-established stand, No. 194 Chatham, corner of Mulberry-st. N. B.—The new styles of Children's Dress Hats will be open for inspection on Tuesday, March 18.

DEFIANCE SALAMANDER SAFES.—MOSHER'S PATENT PATROCK is the sole manufacturer for the United States of the above celebrated Safes and Patent Burglar Proof Defiance Locks and Chrome-Iron. Store, No. 105 Pearl-st., one door below Maiden-lane.

DINNER SETS! DINNER SETS!

New models of French China dinner sets, just received per ship Florida, from Paris. Sale room, 307 Pearl-st. BAILEY & CO., Marble Stores, Nos. 425 and 427 Broadway.

SPRING STYLE FOR 1856 NOW READY AT THE new Hat Company's, Nos. 178 and 180 Bowery. Best quality, $3 only. The public are invited to call. We sell a single hat at the wholesale price! Call and see.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

☞ Bedford-street M. E. Church.—A series of sermons is being delivered in the Bedford-st. M. E. Church, corner of Bedford and Seventh-sts., EVERY EVENING, by ministers of different denominations. The third sermon of the series will be delivered TO-MORROW EVENING, by Rev. G. S. Hale, of the Methodist Church, on Lorenzo-st., Jersey City. Services to commence at 7 o'clock. Preaching at 10½ A. M. by the Pastor, Subject—*Fidelity*. Preaching again at 3 P. M. Seats free.

☞ Allen-street Presbyterian Church.—The pastor, Rev. GEORGE C. LORIS, will deliver the lecture on the "Seven churches of the Apocalypse," on SABBATH MORNING next. Subject—The Church of Ephesus (Commended). In the Evening—Mr. Loris will lecture on "Jesus and the Woman of Samaria." The Church will be open for the EVENING at 7½ o'clock. In the afternoon Sunday-school. *Also after being Delivered from the Sea.*

☞ Rev. H. S. Storrs, Jun., D. D., on SABBATH EVENING next, in the Church of the Pilgrims (Rev. Dr. CHENEY'S) will repeat his discourse delivered at the last anniversary of the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education in the West. Services to commence at 7½ o'clock.

T. BALDWIN, Secretary.

☞ Universalist Church, Corner of Henry and Broome—R

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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THE LEDGER ALPHABET.

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A NEW LOCAL STORY.

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NORMA DANTON:
OR, THE
ORPHAN OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE.

A TALE OF FRAUD AND REVENGE.

(Continued from yesterday's paper.)

CHAPTER V.

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It was morning. The wife and daughter of Joseph Dalton were hurrying in their beautiful house. The apartments in which they sat were adorned with wealth and taste. The family had just returned from a foreign tour, and many a gem of art and curio had been brought from the old world shores to adorn and beautify the American home. This was to be the first reception after their return, and all the world of fashion was present.

May has developed a little, by dint of polishing, into foreign grace. She has an air of quiet by that begins here well. She is the rich Miss Dalton, and that is a passport to the social circle she inhabits. But she is the slandered thing for a woman. It is possible to be rich, as she sits there nothing unselfish. Here is a girl, she is a sleep-walker—a dreamer of odd dreams. In quite versus her proud mamma, who is much of a contrast.

"Where is my cousin, Norma, mother?" asked May.

"I have quite forgotten to inquire for her, she was gone back, and I have a country of half-years, so given clothes that she might have."

"A very bad-behaved girl, indeed. I should not wonder at anything she might become that is dreadful. Before we went to Europe, your father was called to remove her from the school, because of her conduct. Since then, she has been left for safe keeping with old Mile and his wife, at the lighthouse, where she belongs, was; but he ran away two years ago, and has not been heard of since—a bad, unmanageable fellow. I wonder those children will be a great deal of trouble to us yet." And Mrs. Dalton shook her head, as she only that demonstrated a determination to be rid of her own people.

"Well, if our relations turn out badly, I don't see that we can help it."

"No, indeed," repeated the mother; "we have paid all our relations to do right by them, and they don't gratitude; and it would be best just to leave them to their own resolution."

"May partly pacified from discussion on the family affairs," said May.

"Of course they are, and that is [illegible]

family affairs [illegible] century and a half, and we guess at the first water."

"And the unusual a size, [illegible] visible. Who were those last?" "And the young lady held them up admiringly to her [illegible]

"I think your uncle William's wife [illegible] times after her marriage; [illegible] rite son by his dotting mother; and [illegible] receive now courted as the young [illegible] her formal [illegible]

"Was my cousin Alice very beautiful?"

"Her beauty was too [illegible] sickly creature.

"That was after the last [illegible] German describing her to another, on the [illegible] dal day. Poor Norma! [illegible] wonder if Norma is like her mother [illegible] what a fearful storm is [illegible] nate in our evening. By the by, mother, [illegible] were given to Norma's father, they should [illegible] right, should they not?"

"Why, child, how? Positively you talk! What should she do with the money? William Dalton's money was all spent, long ago, and the children are [illegible] Your father had the settlement of his [illegible] course, had to make himself whole by whatever [illegible] could. The dilemma ye were a part of the [illegible] that would have been sold by pay of the debts, but your father [illegible]

The mother left the room, and the young lady sat still [illegible]

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CHAPTER VI.

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CHAPTER VII.

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FINE ARTS.

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FOR SALE.

HOUSE AND STORE FOR SALE OR TO LET.—With three acres of good land, at the low rent of $50, in the pleasant and healthy village of Selden, L. I., 60 miles from N. York; steamboat leaves the city every other day, where business general times each week in New-York; the steam runs near the door every day to the railroad, with the mail and passengers. On the place is a good barn and some fruit trees, with good water near the door; the house and the buildings are all nearly new. The house is well adapted for a family, and not far distant from the depot; just as it was drifting from its moorings, I had fortune, just as it was drifting from its moorings, to lay in and grasp an oar, yet, in the strength, and every moment we had a fine slight drift form.

The whole sea became round the little boat, like an egg-shell, upright then. What seemed her danger was far more near at first, from its very, so near, not forward to steer her course toward the land, and not forward to steer were not altogether unskilled. As if in a dream for her course, I, with the helmsman, between the wings of the sea, which had raised their foam as we came, I had just left, and the sea, which had raised their foam as we came, I had just left, and the sea, which had raised their foam as we came, I had just left, and

AUCTION SALES.

W. A. BRIDGEMAN, Auctioneer.

FURNITURE, ABOVE AVERAGE OF THREE HUNDRED LOTS.—NOTICE.—THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, March 15, at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom, No. 13 Maiden-lane, rosewood suits covered in satin, brocatel, rosewood, marble-top, centre, pier and sofa tables, rosewood etageres, tête-à-tête sofas, Voltaire chairs, spring seat parlor do., sofas, mahogany and rosewood secretary and library book-cases, oak and black walnut extension tables, China ware, engravings, paintings; marble-top dressing bureaus, do. washstands, mahogany and rosewood bedsteads, hair mattresses, palliasses, lounges, office and counting room desks, &c. The whole to be sold peremptory to close consignment.

D. S. HOGUE, Auctioneer.

D. S. HOGUE.—Will sell, THIS (Saturday) MORNING, at No. 10 Murray-st., all the elegant contents, consisting of solid rosewood suites, in brocatel, bookcases, heavy English tapestry velvet carpets, centre tables, side and fancy do., Gothic clocks, elegant pier and oval glasses, escritoire, etageres, rosewood and mahogany scroll-top French and Elizabethan bedsteads, bureaus, washstands, marble-top do., mahogany, blankets, counterpanes, &c., mahogany sofas, dining tables, extension do., crockery, and cut glass-ware, fine silver-ware, &c., &c.; also, an elegant 7-octave rosewood piano. All to be positively sold without reserve.

TUNIS MOERELL, Auctioneer.

SPECIAL AUCTION SALE—THIS MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 81 Nassau-st., of English velvet carpeting, furniture, paintings, dry goods, mirrors, jewelry, cigars, &c.; the variety and quality of which are attracting, and every article will be sold. Seldom an equal opportunity is offered. Storage free until 1st May. Boxing, &c., at small expense. Examination is requested early.

ANTHONY BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

FOR SALE—SIXTEEN HOUSES AND LOTS.—Valuable Property for investment, in the eastern portion of the City, situated on 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, first and 30th sts., and 7th-av., to be sold by ANTHONY J. BLEECKER, at Merchants' Exchange, New-York, on March 19, 1856. Terms easy.

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ALFRED BRAGG, Auctioneer.

A. BRAGG & CO. WILL SELL AT AUCTION on TUESDAY, March 18, at 10½ o'clock A. M., at their salesroom No. 33 Cortlandt-st., 500 cases boots, shoes, brogans, &c., comprising, in part, the stock of a retailer, together with a good assortment of fresh Spring goods, direct from the factories.

PIANO FORTE MANUFACTURERS.—The unexpired term of four years, from 1st May next, of the lease of premises No. 23 Spring-st., near Broadway, lately occupied by ROBERT GLENNEY as a Piano Forte Manufactory, will be sold at auction, at 12 o'clock on MONDAY the 17th inst., at the Merchant's Exchange, by A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

FOR THE SOUTH.

FOR SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.—United States Mail Line.—The new and splendid steamship FLORIDA, M. S. WOODHULL, Commander, will leave New-York for Savannah on SATURDAY, March 15, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely.

Bills of lading signed by the clerk on board. For freight apply on board, or for passage to

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FOR NORFOLK AND RICHMOND.—The United States Mail Steamship ROANOKE, Captain THOMAS SKINNER, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, March 15, at 4 o'clock, from Pier No. 15 N. R. She will arrive at Norfolk on Sunday afternoon, and at Richmond on Monday morning. Passengers for the South will proceed without delay by the great Mail Line to Charleston, Augusta, Savannah, &c. Persons wishing to take this agreeable and expeditious route, need not apprehend any delay in reaching their destination. Passage and fare, with stateroom, to Norfolk, $8; to Richmond and Petersburg, $10. Steerage, half price. Apply to LUDLAM & PLEASANTS, No. 15 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS BY THE WAY OF HAVANA.—The U. S. M. steamship CAHAWBA, Capt. JAMES B. BULLOCK, will commence receiving freight on Friday, March 21, and sail for the above ports on THURSDAY, March 27, at 10 o'clock precisely, from Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Robinson-st. No bills of lading signed after steamer sails.

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No. 12 Park-place.

BANK NOTICES.

BANK NOTICE.—WESTERN BANK, SUFFOLK COUNTY.—BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, June 8, 1855.—Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of the statutes, that such case made and provided, that all the circulating notes issued to S. T. BAKER, as individual banker, (Western Bank, Suffolk County, late Western Bank, Washington County,) must be presented at the office of the Superintendent of the Banking Department of the State of New-York, for payment, within two years from the date of the notice, or the funds deposited for the redemption of the circulating notes issued by the said banker will be given up to him. D. B. ST. JOHN, Superintendent.

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BANK DEPARTMENT—STATE OF NEW-YORK.—ALBANY, Dec. 21, 1855.—Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, that all the circulating notes issued to the SUFFOLK BANK, a banking association in the City of New-York, must be presented at the office of the Superintendent of the Banking Department of the State of New-York for payment, within two years from the date of this notice, or the funds deposited for the redemption of the circulating notes issued to the said bank will be given up.

d22, '54-law2y8 D. B. ST. JOHN, Superintendent.

BANK DEPARTMENT—STATE OF NEW-YORK.—ALBANY, Feb. 8, 1856.—Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, that all the circulating notes issued to D. S. BENNETT, (an Individual Banker, Queen City Bank, Buffalo,) must be presented at the office of the Superintendent of the Banking Department of the State of New-York for payment, within two years from the date of this notice, or the funds deposited for the redemption of the circulating notes issued to the said banker will be given up.

10t.'55-law2y8 D. B. ST. JOHN, Superintendent.

BANK DEPARTMENT—STATE OF NEW-YORK.—ALBANY, March 8, 1856.—The AUBURN EXCHANGE BANK has this day filed, in this office, a notice of the appointment of the ALBANY CITY BANK, in the city of Albany, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, payable to the not entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to Incorporated Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers," passed April 17, 1851. JAS. M. COOK, Superintendent.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS BANK—No. 9 Chambers-st., two doors from Chatham.—Interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on sums of $5 and less than $50; and 5 per cent. on sums of $500 and upward. All sums deposited on or before the 1st day of April next will draw interest from that day. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Thursdays from 6 to 7 P. M. PETER H. TITUS, President.

C. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

THE PARK BANK.—NOTICE.—Subscribers to the capital stock of this Bank are respectfully requested to pay the final instalment of 50 per cent. upon their subscriptions, on MONDAY, March 31, 1856, at their banking house, at the head of Beekman-st., near the Park, at which time the Bank will be opened for business.

By order of the Board of Directors.

G. A. MACY, Cashier.

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The usual Discount to wholesale Dealers.

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Dr. HUNTER'S GONORRHŒA SPECIFIC cures Gonorrhœa, however virulent; it is adapted for Gleet and Stricture, however long standing; likewise Gravel, Diseased Kidneys, and all diseases of the Genito-Urinary System, in either sex.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

The Motion for the Previous Question in the House—The Scene in the Senate.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, March 14.

The motion for the previous question was lost in the House today, simply because of the desire of members to speak on the question.

Mr. Brooks's speech in the Senate, reviewing Douglas' speech, was admirable. Douglas replied in a speech in which he charged Brooks with having on several occasions called him a liar, and Brooks retorted by charging Douglas with being a liar. Douglas maintained his ground with great manliness and decision.

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Mr. Douglas said that his colleague received every Know-Nothing vote in the Legislature, I do not deny that statement. Why

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